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SUBJECT: PL 480 WHEAT; EMBASSY INCIDENT

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SUMMARY. MALIKYAR UNOFFICIALLY RAISED POSSIBILITY OF AFGHANISTAN OBTAINING PL 480 WHEAT, CLAIMING 1975 REQUEST FOR 100,000 MTS STILL OUTSTANDING. HE WAS INFORMED THAT USG IS WATCHING THE SITUATION CLOSELY AND WILL TRY TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, MALIKYAR WAS CAUTIONED THAT FY 76 ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE, THAT NEW FISCAL YEAR DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL OCTOBER 1, AND THAT PL 480 PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY IS LIMITED. MALIKYAR ALSO RAISED JANUARY 29 VANDALISM AT THE AFGHAN EMBASSY.

1. DURING JANUARY 30 CALL ON DEP ASST SEC DUBS, AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE LACK OF SNOWFALL THUS FAR THIS WINTER. MALIKYAR SAID HE HAS RECEIVED UNOFFICIAL LETTERS FROM KABUL INDICATING THAT AFGHANISTAN MAY NEED TO IMPORT SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES OF WHEAT. EMPHASIZING THAT HE WAS SPEAKING PERSONALLY, MALIKYAR RAISED THE POSSIBILITY OF PL 480 ASSISTANCE.

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2. MALIKYAR NOTED THAT AFGHANISTAN FORMALLY HAD REQUESTED 100,000 MTS OF WHEAT IN EARLY 1975 AND SAID IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THIS REQUEST WAS STILL OUTSTANDING. (PAB RECORDS DO NOT CONTAIN A FORMAL REPLY TO AFGHANISTAN FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE SS9327/11479--75 KABUL 1442. APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ADVICE.)

3. DUBS REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR ELIOT ALREADY HAD ALERTED THE DEPARTMENT TO THE POTENTIAL PROBLEM AND WE WILL WATCH THE SITUATION CLOSELY. DUBS STATED THAT IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE AFGHANISTAN'S NEEDS FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS.

4. MALIKYAR WAS INFORMED THAT PL-480 REQUESTS DO NOT CARRY OVER FROM YEAR TO YEAR AND THAT ALL PL-480 WHEAT FOR FY 76 HAS BEEN ALLOCATED. DUBS NOTED THAT FY 77 DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL OCTOBER 1. NEVERTHELESS, MALIKYAR WAS ASSURED THAT THE USG WILL LOOK AT AFGHANISTAN'S POTENTIAL PROBLEM SYMPATHETICALLY AND DO WHATEVER IS POSSIBLE WITHIN TERMS OF OUR OWN AVAILABILITIES. HE WAS CAUTIONED THAT THE CURRENT PROGRAM ALLOWS LITTLE FLEXIBILITY. MALIKYAR EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT, IN THE EVENT OF A DISASTER, THE USG WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MEET AFGHANISTAN'S NEEDS.

5. MALIKYAR ALSO RAISED VANDALISM WHICH OCCURRED AT THE EMBASSY ON JANUARY 29 IN WHICH AFGHAN FLAG AND EMBASSY PLAQUE WERE TORN DOWN AND INSIGNIA STOLEN. DUBS EXPRESSED THE DEPARTMENT'S REGRET FOR THE INCIDENT. EXECUTIVE PROTECTION SERVICE HAS INCREASED PATROLS IN AFGHAN EMBASSY AREA. CASE APPEARS TO BE ONE OF PETTY THEFT ALTHOUGH MALIKYAR MADE A VAGUE ALLUSION TO SOME UNSPECIFIED POLITICAL MOTIVATION, AS DOES EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE, A COPY OF WHICH IS BEING POUCHED TO EMBASSY KABUL. KISSINGER

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